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Applicant: Ioan Cosmescu

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Title: AUTOMATIC FLUID CONTROL SYSTEM FOR USE IN
OPEN AND LAPAROSCOPIC LASER SURGERY AND
ELECTROSURGERY AND METHOD THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendment prior to examination of the above-identified application.

In The Claims:

Delete claims 1-45 and add the following new claims:

46. ~~A manual fluid control system for surgical lasers and electrosurgery apparatus, for both open and laparoscopic procedures, comprising, in combination:~~
~~at least one fluid irrigation container;~~
~~an irrigation tubing connected to said at least one fluid irrigation container;~~
~~a valve connected to the irrigation tubing for accessing irrigation fluid in~~
~~said at least one fluid irrigation container;~~

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